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## MAINTAINING THE DIGNITY OF THE COURTS.

"The courts of justice are the bulwark of our liberties and we yield to none in our purpose to maintain their dignity."

The foregoing words of wisdom are found in the Democratic national platform adopted at Denver last week. But how are we to maintain the dignity of our courts of justice? Certainly not by denouncing the judges and juries every time their actions do not happen to accord with public sentiment, which is ever variable, one thing today and another tomorrow, and oftentimes wrong. Certainly not by thus destroying the confidence of the people in the "bulwark of our liberties." The only way to maintain the dignity of the country's tribunals of justice is by deferentially acquiescing in their decisions and by cultivating a spirit of respect for and obedience to constituted authority. If perchance a judge, or a juror, or other officer of the law, should prove faithless to his trust, should yield to corrupting or other improper influences, the law itself provides a remedy, which should be resorted to. In no event should an appeal be made to public opinion for a modification or reversal of a judicial decree or verdict of a jury, for there is no such court, original, appellate, supreme or otherwise in the jurisprudence of this or any other civilized country.

We would not, however, underestimate the value of public opinion. It has its uses as well as abuses. Its potentiality is a factor ever to be reckoned with. Its possibilities for good, when healthy and wisely directed, are incalculable. It has no superior when used as an agency for the encouragement of nobler and better things in the minds of the people, for the moral uplifting of humanity, for the promotion of peace and happiness and brotherly love, for the inculcation and cultivation of higher ideals, and for the preservation of law and order.

With a good platform and a good ticket, and with unity in the Democratic ranks and more or less disaffection among the Republicans, there is no sound reason why Bryan and Kern shouldn't be elected in November. The platform adopted at Denver is one of the best within

the history of the party, being a singularly clear and unequivocal declaration of democratic principles—a platform upon which any disciple of Jefferson should be proud to stand. It is in striking contrast with the flamboyant, evasive, wishy-washy document of generalities promulgated by the Republicans. And Bryan seems to be more popular now than ever before. Even the East and the West are becoming enthusiastic over the Nebraskan. All signs point to a Democratic victory.

Kern may be all right, but the kernel of the Democratic ticket is Colonel Bryan.

There's as much difference between the Democratic and Republican platforms as there is between hugging a girl and hugging a delusion.

There are more nominating conventions yet to be held. The National Prohibition party will hold its convention in Columbus, Ohio, this week, convening today. The Independent party, headed by Hearst of New York, will hold its national convention in Chicago on the 27th instant. Tom Watson, by the way, has at last accepted the nomination for the presidency by the Populist party.

The esteemed News and Courier, after fighting Bryan to the last ditch, that is to say, up to his nomination, is now eating its dish of crow with apparent relish. Hear it:

William Jennings Bryan is an honest man; there has been no scandal in his life; his walk is upright. As politicians go, he is a gentleman of exemplary morality. His integrity has never been questioned by his bitterest enemies. In the White House his demeanor would be respectable and dignified. His nature is without viciousness and he is loyal to admirable ideals of domestic and private living.

It is stated on good authority that there are as many as 20 Charlotte boys who have run away from home and are now wandering up and down in the earth away from kindred, friends and acquaintances "and alone among strangers—Charlotte's Observer.

That's rather remarkable, since Charlotte is such a detectable place, considering that it is in North Carolina. Now, the statement that a thousand boys had run away from Rock Hill would occasion no surprise.

It is not necessary to have a registration certificate in order to vote in the primary elections. It ought to be but it isn't.—Anderson Mail.

While not a prerequisite in express terms, it is by implication. Each voter in the primary takes an oath to support the nominees of the party, and how can he conscientiously take such an obligation if he hasn't a registration certificate, without which he certainly can not vote in the general election? Every voter, therefore, who is counting on casting his ballot in the primary should provide himself with a registration certificate, in order that he may not swear to do something which he knows it

is not within his power to do—support the nominees in the general election. There are two things of the utmost importance that a Democratic voter should attend to without delay: Register, for everybody has to register this year, and have his name entered on the poll list of his precinct club.

All who expect to vote in the primary next month are reminded of the fact that their names must be on the club poll lists at least five days before the election. The party law is mandatory on this subject and it will be strictly enforced. If you participated in the primary two years ago your name is probably already enrolled, but to be certain about it, you had better see the committee of your precinct club having the roll in charge. The committee at this place is composed of Messrs. J. Harry Foster and J. S. Wilson. We are not in possession of the names of the members of the other committees in the county. New comers and young men who have become of age since last election should by all means see that their names are placed on the club rolls of their respective precincts. To neglect this important matter means the deprivation of your otherwise right to vote.

## Personal.

Mrs. S. E. Durant, of Clinton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Julia Porter.

Mrs. R. C. Brown and Miss Florence Brown are visiting relatives in Marion.

Mrs. D. B. Stover is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. A. Bigham, in Rock Hill.

J. Harry Foster, Esq., went to Camden yesterday on professional business.

Miss Inez Hough is visiting her sister in Rock Hill, Mrs. E. E. Cloud.

Miss Frances Lee Stover, of this office, is visiting relatives in the Stoneboro section.

Miss Lillian Smith, of Edgefield, is visiting Mrs. M. J. Green, in the Douglas section.

Mr. Randall Sapp, of Sapp's Cross Roads, spent Monday and yesterday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Thompson, of Lancaster, are spending a few days with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Thompson, of the Dwight section.

Mr. J. B. Funderburk, of Tradesville, spent Monday night and yesterday in Lancaster.

Judge Ira B. Jones went to Columbia Monday to attend a session of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Reparth, the county's civil engineer, returned yesterday from a brief visit to his home in Charleston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sowell spent Sunday in the country at Mr. Roach Sowell's. They were accompanied home by little Miss Mettie Sowell, who will spend some time with them.

Judge Ernest Moore went to Columbia Monday night to argue before the Supreme Court yesterday the case instituted to validate the issue of Lancaster's water-works bonds.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Williams, of Monroe, are visiting relatives here, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Funderburk.

Mr. J. Edgar Poag, the well-known real estate broker of Rock Hill, is in town again this week, arranging for the Gregory-Ferguson auction sale of lots to take place next month, as previously noted in The News.

Mrs. Emma Witherspoon left yesterday for Denver, Colorado, to visit her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mamie Witherspoon.

Mrs. A. H. Greene, who has been on an extended tour north and west with her husband, returned yesterday. Capt. Greene will return later, being at present in the state of Illinois.

Mrs. Brasington, of Lancaster county, is the guest of her granddaughter, Mrs. S. N. Sowell, on West Main street. Mrs. Brasington is over 90 years of age, and has never had a physician to attend her or taken a dose of calomel during her life, and has the appearance of being not more than 60 years of age.—Rock Hill Record.

Mr. J. M. McAtee returned from Rock Hill Monday morning, where he has been spending two or three days with his wife, who successfully underwent a serious surgical operation at the Rock Hill hospital last Thursday, performed by Dr. Fennell. Mrs. McAtee was getting along nicely when her husband left her Monday.

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Mr. W. L. Brooker, of Aiken, having declined to accept the superintendency of the Lancaster graded schools, as previously published, the board of trustees has elected to the position Mr. Bruce Craven, formerly of Elizabeth City, N. C. A telegram was received from him by the board Monday afternoon accepting the place. Mr. Craven is a graduate of Trinity College, N. C., and has had 8 or 10 years' experience as a teacher. He comes to Lancaster highly recommended as an educator. He is a man of family, having a wife and one child.

### Boston, Mass. and Return Very Low Rates Via Southern Railway.

Account Supreme Lodge, Knights Pythias, the Southern Railway announces very low round trip rates, from all stations. Tickets to be sold July 30th, 31st, August 1, 2, 3 and 4, 1908. Limited August 16, 1908. Extension of final limit to leave Boston not later than September 15, 1908, can be had by depositing ticket at Boston and paying fee of \$1.00.

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